

Announcement

I wish to announce to the general public that I have bought out the Hollenbeck hotel, which comprises the entire upper floors of the Austin & Marr and Bassett buildings, extending a half block from North Stanton street to the alley, including the present location of the Billings Piano Parlor.

The west half of the building I will utilize as a family hotel, the east half to be devoted to additional floor space for my pianos.

This arrangement enables me to keep my present location for my piano waterrooms and the profit derived from the hotel will pay the rent for my piano waterrooms. Consequently I have decided to sell my pianos hereafter at the present removal sale prices.

Thanking you for past favors, assuring you of offering you better service at the hotel, besides selling quality pianos at lower prices than any other piano dealer in the United States, I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

F. G. Billings

Good News For Furniture Buyers Our Annual

JANUARY CLEARANCE

Begins Tomorrow Morning

OUR January Furniture Clearance Sales have become firmly fixed in the public mind as the time to secure reliable furniture for very little money. Our present sale surpasses in value-giving any previous one. By this we mean not only are prices more attractive, but there is a much larger stock to select from than has ever before entered into one of our clearance sales. It is impossible to place before you all the attractive items that enter into this sale. However, we believe the list below will give you a fairly good idea of what to expect when you come tomorrow.



January Clearance—Brass Beds

Bed, Cathedral style.	\$75	\$42.50	Velvet Brass Bed.	\$32
Clearance Sale.			January Clearance Sale.	
Brass Bed.	\$73.50	\$38.50	Satin Brass Bed.	\$29
Clearance Sale.			January Clearance Sale.	
Brass Bed.		\$26.50	Satin Brass Bed.	\$20
Clearance Sale.			January Clearance Sale.	
Brass Bed.		\$15	Satin Brass Bed.	\$20.50
Clearance Sale.			January Clearance Sale.	

Similar reductions.

—Dressers

NEW YEAR IS GREETED IN JOYOUS MANNER AT EL PASO'S NEW HOTEL

New York was moved 2000 miles southwest of Manhattan island, Tuesday night, when the first annual watch party and dance was given at Hotel Paso del Norte by the El Paso Social Club.

Broadway had nothing on El Paso street Tuesday night for brilliance of the New Year's celebration. The dance was held in the ballroom on the 10th floor of the hotel and the watch party and supper in the main lobby. This proved to be the most unique and spectacular event El Paso society has ever witnessed and surpassed the annual New Year's celebration which the hotels in San Antonio hold each year. The tables for the 150 guests at the dancing party were arranged in the main lobby with a large center table in the middle, surrounded by smaller ones, giving an effect which was most pleasing in the big marble room.

At 11 o'clock the favors were distributed in the ball room, and the last dance, a Virginia reel, was started. The favors were Mardi Gras hats and caps of tissue paper in eccentric shapes and characters. These were worn during the final dance by the dancers and converted into business men, professional men and army officers into turkey trotting China boys, tin soldiers and clowns. Everyone, including the girls, wore these caps and hats during the dance and down to supper. The lights were then turned off and the square dance commenced by the light of a make believe moon in the ceiling of the ball room. The Fort Bliss band played for the dance and the music which it rendered.

The big feature of the annual New Year's dance was the watch party downstairs. Everyone was seated in the lobby dining room by 11:30 and the first course of the supper was served. A few minutes before 12 the lights all over the lobby, dining room and mezzanine floor were dimmed until the entire hotel was in darkness just before midnight. An orchestra played "Auld Lang Syne" and the lights were turned off. Just as the hands of the big office clock reached 12, the music stopped and a chime struck the hour which ushered in the new year. The orchestra then played "Hot Time" and bell boys stationed on the mezzanine floor started a shower of glittering sparklers and festoon streamers. The effect was great, and when the diners, who had also been provided with the sparklers and festoons began throwing the streamers and waving the sparklers in the dark, the scene was like an enchanted fairy land. The lights were slowly turned on and the picture on the main floor of the big hotel was applauded by the crowd of spectators in the smoking room and mezzanine floor. The paper festoons were thrown over the chandeliers until they hung down over the watchers like snow. The tables and floors were so filled with these streamers that it was almost impossible for the waiters to walk through the paper storm. Everyone was provided with a sack of "Happy New Year" they threw them across the lobby to their friends. It was an original idea and worked out perfectly, to give a Mardi Gras effect to the new year party.

While the supper was being served, Parvin Witte sang a number of solos, including "My Hero," from the "Chocolate Soldier." Lewis Goggin also sang a beautiful baritone solo and the Witte quartet sang a number of selections during the supper. The orchestra played old time airs and the supper was being served and the crowd sang the choruses to the songs. After the supper, the party went back to the roof garden, where dancing continued until 2 o'clock. To Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Dyer, Dr. L. Witherpoon, Allen Grambling and Ballard Caldwell belong the credit for El Paso's first formal observance of New Year's eve. It is done in the east. Mr. Dyer, as president of the Social club, planned and executed the entire affair and introducing the novel ideas for the first time in El Paso. Mrs. Dyer worked unconsciously in arranging the details and she was congratulated upon the complete success of the affair. The officers of the club were assisted by manager George Benton and assistant manager Louis Thoenner, of the hotel, in carrying out the plans for the first annual watch party.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dyer, Mal and Mrs. C. N. Barney, Col. and Mrs. D. A. Fredericks, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Broadus, Mr. and Mrs. Chaborn Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Andreas, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Cromble, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Leavelle, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Aubrey, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Coles, Dr. and Mrs. James Vance, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Norman M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dudley, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Kerr, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Reinemund, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Mayfield, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Moore, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McNary, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pomeroy, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turney, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Pickett, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Weisiger, Dr. and Mrs. Hugh S. White, Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Witherpoon, Mr. and Mrs. Julius A. Krakauer, Lieut. and Mrs. C. F. Herr, Mr. and Mrs. Powell Stackhouse, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thomason, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lathrop, Messrs. J. E. Barkley and Roy Wolcott, Misses Henrietta Buckler, Olive Davis, Lucile Daniels, Anne Thurmond, Lucile Snyder, Ivan Cool, Wanda Back, Doris Fredericks, Carrie Race, Nick Wulff, Frances Mayfield, Lemire Baker, Martha Thurmond, Eileen Josephine Clardy, Messrs. Ballard Caldwell, Tom Newman, J. M. Riddick, Ramey Allen Grambling, Fredrick, Robert Holliday, Robt. Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wesson, E. F. Downing, Lowther, J. H. Houghton, T. H. Carpenter.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

Tonight.
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turney
entertain with "open house"
Seniors of the High school
give dance at high school.

Black And Gold Millinery



The little cap at the top of the sketch is very attractive for cold days. The patterned crown is made of black plush and is gathered more toward the back than the front. The colored band is faced with gold colored cloth, and black and gold ornaments are placed at the side. The fur hat has a brim of black fox with a crown of gold net elaborately braided and embroidered. The ribbon band is changeable black and gold, showing distinct spots in each color.

hours of the new year dawned. Little Eugene Donohue greeted the guests at the door and Jack Donohue ushered them upstairs. Miss Caples was assisted in entertaining by her mother, Mrs. Richard Caples, and Mrs. Donohue.

Irene Laughlin, Helen Stratton, Robertson, Grace Wingo, Blanch, Margaret Davis, Elizabeth St. Julia Bigelow, Edwina Bigelow, Weeks, Mary Weeks, Stella Brick, Fleck, Reba Elliott, Albert, M. Beckie Merkin, Katie Merkin, Warren, Mildred Hood, Marion J. Nell Hanniman, Mayme Adair, Beth Ward, Madeline Flak, P. Sanders, Rena Carr, Etta Wilson, Ish Brown, Mattie Hoover, Ma Carter, Margaret Caples, Miss Nellard, Guy Hammett Davis, Ben Spencer Darbyshire, Ralph Wingo, Carroll, Jesse Payne, Bob Hoover, Smith, L. Blair, John Birch, Fricelton, Fred Hoey, Ernest, Ernest Moller, Edmund Behr, Cla Rand, John McCrummen, I. Baylor Foster, Guy Adair, Switzler, Harvey Wilcox, Adkins Boy, James Hardy, Will Race, R. Worthington, Frank Ross, Bob Kent Heffron, D. Lee, Will Caples, and Mrs. McCandless, Mr. and Mrs. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Sherman, Mr. Mrs. Burt Tuttle, Mr. and Mrs. Ch. Becker.

Old 1912 was ushered into the Elks club Tuesday night. Elks and their wives and danced it into history. The room was just comfortably filled with the dancers and a happy spirit of evidence.

Purple and white streamers and Elks' colors, were strung from corner of the lodge room to the corner where a large yuletide bell, same color hung in the center. Fruit punch was served during dances.

At 11 o'clock, the lights were turned out and the silent toast to the brothers was drunk by the members of the order.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bridgers, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. White, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simmons, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. H. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Peabody, Mr. Mrs. J. D. Ponder, Dr. and Mrs. C. Calnan, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Swatt, and Mrs. Henry Van Dyke, Mr.

Mrs. E. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Talpita, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gertrude Leighton, Hattie Mae Loretz, Ah Bridgers, Imogene and Manie F. Simmons, A. Bes-Mcweeney, Violet, J. Silvernail, assist, Frieda, Margaret Bryan, Donna Klugel, Messrs. H. R. E. Deason, L. Knost, Eugene Hamman, F. H. Kunz, H. Trimble, Roy B. Talpita, Joseph Brogram, Henry Blund, Hugh Dunn, E. Beaver, L. H. Leifer, P. Craver.

The annual banquet and New Year's dance of the Progress club was given on Tuesday night in their club rooms. It was a delightful affair, the decorations of poinsettias and ferns were draped throughout the rooms, and long tables were elegantly laid for the 10 course dinner which was served at 12 o'clock. Toasts were given to the president, E. Moyer, and other members of the club, and a large crowd was in attendance.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Kline, Mr. and Mrs. Max Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. Moyer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Blumenthal, Mr. and Mrs. B. Blumenthal, Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. Sam London, Mr. and Mrs. A. Krauer, Mr. and Mrs. S. Aronstein, Mr. and Mrs. A. Silberberg, Mr. and Mrs. B. Silberberg, Messdames C. K. Wolf, Max Mayer, J. Froebel, N. Solomon, Misses Rebecca Goldstein, Beckie Merkin, Gertrude Epstein, Grace Mayer, Eleanor Mathias, Della Moyer, Hedwig Mathias, Rose Aronson, Jennie Blumenthal, Ethel Levy, Harriet Schwarz, Jennie Elchwald, Estelle Wolf, Estelle Levy, Edna Mathias, H. Simonda, of Safford, Ariz.; Marion Lindenthal, Messrs. Maurice Schwartz, Henry Hell, C. Levy, Sidney Mayer, Martin Zielonka, Walter Kohler, W. Elchwald, I. Weiss, Lawrence Callahan, Herman Strauss, J. Kauffman, Arthur Blumenthal, Dave Klein, Carl Blumenthal, Charles Schutt, Henry Waller, Irvin Bloch, Joe Wolf, Ed Lauchman, Sidney Ullman, Adolph Schutt, E. Bloch, Meyer Behr.

Watch night services were held at the Rose Gregory Houchen settlement house. The exercises began at 9 o'clock under the charge of Rev. H. O. Costales, pastor of the Spanish M. E. church, and Rev. Jose Lopez, of the Congregational church. Rev. Jesus Valencia, a Congregational preacher from Chihuahua, assisted, and Miss Cora E. Blood, superintendent of the settlement, spoke on plans for the future. A musical program followed, and games and refreshments were enjoyed by the company, which was composed mostly of young people, until the new year was well started on its way.

Miss Annie Merrill gave a watch party at her home last night, at 112 Chihuahua street. Misses Lizzie Merrill and Caroline Belsawer furnished the music for the occasion. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turney are entertaining this evening with "open house" at their home 1205 Montana street.

The seniors of the El Paso high school will entertain this afternoon with "open house" and this evening with a dance at the high school.

Mrs. Josephine Nations Morfit is entertaining this afternoon with "open house" at her home 994 Magoffin avenue.

Herman G. Porter are



IN addition to extending you the Season's Greetings, we know of nothing better to proclaim for the New Year than this:

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entertaining with a reception this afternoon at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Howland are entertaining with "open house" today at 1019 Rio Grande street.

The Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. are keeping "open house" at their respective homes this afternoon.

Church Affairs

There will be a meeting of the St. Clement's Guild at Kendrick hall on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Happy New Year!

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